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July 25, 1962 - Saturday

E and I left by train this morning for Bletchley, whence we motored 15 miles to Easton Neston, in Northamptonshire, Lady Hesketh's house, to spend the weekend.

The house is beautiful, built about 1720 from the designs of Hawksmoor. It is said to be the only private dwelling of which he was the architect. The park is lovely, filled with sheep and cattle. Thousands of readable books, as well as collectors' items, our hostess seemingly familiar with them all, inside and out. In the American field was a fine elephant folio of Audubon's Birds, as well as a Catesby.

Nothing could have been more agreeable than our stay. "Kisty" Hesketh, a young widow with three sons, is enchanting. A Scot, she is one of seven McEwen brothers and sisters.

The other guests were Robin McEwen and his wife, David McEwen, Miss Lyle, Romano McEwen (a daughter of Raimund von Hoffmansthal), Angus Ogilvy, John Foster, Marguerite Lambkin (of Hollywood and New Orleans), Henry Brandon, and a nice fellow from Time/Life.

There are 7,000 acres in this property; ~~she also has 20,000 acres in Kenya.~~ I gather that Easton Neston is encumbered with death duties, still to be paid off. At any rate, it is a magnificent estate with a private race course, Towcester (pronounced "Towster").

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We were in the Grafton Hunt country; it was pleasant to see signs pointing toward Melton Mowbray, Market Harborough ~~and other names so intimately associated~~ with the traditions of English fox-hunting. For two years, ill-fated and beautiful Empress Elizabeth of Austria made this large Hesketh establishment headquarters for her annual sporting stay. There is also a real tennis court, now unused; I believe there are only a half-dozen private ones in England.

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"From Bruce. Re Vice President Jamaica Trip.

1. Following conversation with Burdett last night I have busied myself with this matter. Of four points mentioned by Burdett first two are cleared in satisfactory sense.

2. Re attendance by Governor and Princess Margaret at Vice President's reception, Princess Margaret was scheduled to receive staff at King's house 1800-1815 hours August 7, following which she would dress and proceed to State Banquet at 1955 hours. Decision not attend VP reception made by Princess Margaret herself on basis tight schedule.

3. Above point will be raised again at Palace today by Foreign Office. As soon as reply given, it will be telephoned to Lord Hood in Washington by Cheetham, Superintending Under-Secretary, Foreign Office. He is acting in absence Harold Caccia, who is attending Father's funeral. Cheetham will also communicate directly British Government, Jamaica.

4. Re fourth point, about declination of Princess' Saturday night dinner invitation, that presents no difficulty. I suggest Vice President supplement what has been told through FO, when he talks to Princess in Jamaica.

5. It should be remembered that in all matters having political implications no Embassy here can have direct dealings with the Palace, but only via FO."

"From Bruce. Re Vice President Jamaica trip.

Further to Embtel.

1. Telegram being sent to Governor of Jamaica covering all points.

2. VP to be met by Governor, as well as by PM, guard of honor, and appropriate ceremonies.

3. When VP signs book he will be received by Princess.

4. Unable to arrange Princess presence VP reception. Her program will not make it possible.

5. Princess is satisfactorily briefed re VP's declination Saturday dinner invitation."

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advocated six years ago the taking of measures designed to forestall runs on the dollar, which he thought inevitably would arise within a few years. He was not critical of the present administration, but thought it should take more drastic action in this field than it has done to date.

Lew Douglas came in after Harold [redacted] left, and discussed the same problem, but in an entirely different manner. He believes by curtailment of military expenses abroad, cutting down on some types of foreign aid, and by a reasonable taxation of profits of American corporations retained abroad, the present dollar deficit could be brought into balance within a reasonable time.

Frank Galbraith, who has done an outstanding job here for years, told me good-by this afternoon. He is going to Djkarta as DCM. I think it is a pity he is not being made the chief of an important mission, since he is unusually capable.

E and I went out to Northolt Airport to meet the Eisenhowers and their party. They descended from their plane in a heavy rain, which did not faze Ike in the slightest. Mamie looked well, though she was evidently in pain, still suffering from the wrenching of muscles in her arm when she had a fall last week. Their friends, the Gosdens (he of Amos and Andy fame, and she pretty), and son, the Eisenhower grandchildren, his aide, General Schultz, two secretaries, a Secret Service man, and his colored Sergeant-valet Moaney and wife, composed the group. I introduced Lord Hastings, representing the Queen, Sir Nevile Bland, representing the Prime Minister and the Foreign Office, and Brigadier Steele, also on behalf of the Foreign Office, to them. On the American side we had the Ives, Col. Dyer (who is more or less running the show for us) and his wife, Admiral Page Smith, Rita and Tom Beale, Captain and Mrs. Murphy, substituting for the Air Attache, and Lt. Col. and Mrs. Bohannon; Group Captain Nicholson, in

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UK into the Common Market would serve to clarify the issues involved. He [redacted] found Heath satisfied with his recent interview in Paris with Couve de Murville. Apparently it went well. The British involved in the negotiation have told Jean they anticipate no overwhelming obstacles from the Commonwealth nations at the forthcoming Foreign Ministers Conference.

I had a few Baltimorians for cocktails this evening at the house. There were Priscilla Brooks, my niece, Ellen Terry, her husband and three good looking children, Peter Ordway and his wife (Peter, [redacted] a son of Lucius Ordway, is living in Gloucestershire writing adventure and detective novels), and a few others. Priscilla is a cousin of Chip Bohlen. She told me of the Bohlen connection with the Krupps. Two brothers emigrated from Germany to the United States; one remained in Philadelphia, the other returned to Germany and married the formidable lady who was the mother of the present Alfred Krupp.

I had dinner tonight with Henry Hunt. He is a source of never failing amusement and interest to me. [redacted] 76 years old, he is full of health and spirits, and now spends much of his time travelling around to visit his three daughters and numerous grandchildren. Jessie has started work at the Embassy in Paris, and with her four children is living with Henry at an apartment he has taken for the time being. His father, the spectacular mining engineer, was twice asked by Theodore Roosevelt to become Ambassador to Great Britain, but found his mining engineering adventures quite enough occupation for him. When he retired for health reasons, seeking a dry climate, he pitched what was then practically a tent on the present site of Sunset Strip in Las Vegas, acquiring land there which his son and daughter are now in process of liquidating.

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Women's National Press Club - September 11, 1962

Ladies: I am delighted, on behalf of the Embassy, to welcome you here. Perhaps I might be permitted to say a few words before you are briefed by my associates.

The traditional functions of a United States mission abroad were to protect the interests and persons of American citizens, and to negotiate with foreign governments on matters of mutual concern. Such has continued to be the case, but in addition there are many other fields of governmental responsibility in which a modern mission must operate.

No longer do our political, economic and consular sections, with their supporting administrative facilities, comprise even a majority of the personnel housed in this building. Far from it. We have a large staff of attaches and their assistants from the Armed Services, sizeable contingents representing USIS, Agricultural, Scientific, Labor, Legal, and other categories, a communications system usually overburdened with traffic, and a small host of officials from various agencies of our Government, engaged in a great variety of activities. For example, we have a Chinese language officer in our political section, who acts as interpreter at the meetings in Warsaw between our Ambassador there and the emissary from the Chinese Communist Government.

Despite the separation, during the past few years, from British sovereignty of more than 600 million people, the UK is still the center of the sterling area, and the key member of the Commonwealth.

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